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18. [] Received a call from Chuck Snodgrass, on the staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, asking the Director to appear before the Subcommittee at 4:00 tomorrow, to brief the Subcommittee on the most recent covert action finding. Snodgrass said the Director should also be prepared to discuss this process in general, i.e., why it is necessary for CIA to carry out this program, why there is no written report to the Congress, etc.

I mentioned to Snodgrass that I had on my desk, some material we had assembled in response to the Chairman's request for material on the legal aspects on the need for secrecy. Snodgrass said that if we could get this material to him tomorrow morning, he would come in at 8:00 a.m. to review it and he pointed out that he thought it was in the Agency's best interest to do this since the open budget issue would possibly be decided on by the Subcommittee sometime tomorrow. [] will see that Snodgrass has the material by 8:00 in the morning.

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19. [] Mike Hastings, on the staff of Representative William S. Cohen (R., Maine), called to request [] I told him I would make the necessary arrangements. [] has been advised.

20. [] Spoke with Tom Smeeton, Minority staff, House International Relations Committee, and provided him with the latest developments in the situation in Turkey.

21. [] Called the House Armed Services Committee staff, and asked them to advise Mr. Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, that the Columbia Reporting Firm had completed the transcription of Gen. Walters' testimony of 24 July 1975 and that the transcripts are available as the Committee may desire.

22. [] Spoke with Steve Lashbrook, on the staff of Representative Charles E. Grassley (R., Iowa). Lashbrook had a letter from a constituent, [] who claimed that he was on the "blacklist" from July 1961 to May 1972 and as a result was having problems getting a job. I determined from the Office of Personnel that a [] had applied to the Agency in the early 1970's. I told Lashbrook that this Agency did not have a blacklist and that [] should have no fears about the Agency influencing his job opportunities. Lashbrook said [] might want to write to the Agency to see if there was a file on him. I therefore explained to him the procedure of inquiring under the FOIA.

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